

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 99,527 acres in 1992 to 95,610 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 79 acres in 1992 to 88 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 463 farms in 1992 to 377 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

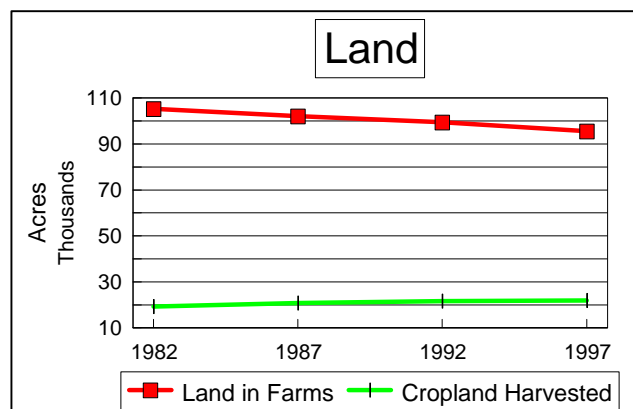
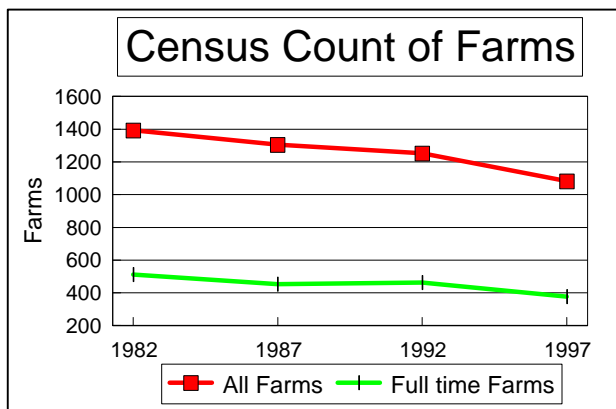
Decreased 5 percent to \$14,402,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$12,062 in 1992 to \$13,298 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	14,402	72	120	2,330	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	8,893	71	120	1,834	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,509	67	120	2,297	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	6,940	50	116	126	580
Cattle and calves	3,996	49	120	1,638	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,171	10	113	914	2,790
Dairy products	1,062	48	107	1,377	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	472	52	119	1,667	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	10,519	49	120	1,572	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	35	116	1,157	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	112	40	106	1,971	2,765
All goats sold	81	21	110	1,050	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	41	88	1,510	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	21,224	45	120	1,489	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	953	52	118	1,632	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	661	41	119	1,215	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	19	117	938	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	261	75	119	2,164	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	17,963	45	120	1,140	3,061
Tobacco-acres	2,332	47	116	116	583
Corn for grain-acres	1,136	77	118	1,824	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	744	42	110	1,220	2,473
All nursery-acres	468	6	99	561	2,619

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	749	858	-13
\$10,000 or more .....	334	394	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	8,652	10,276	-16
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,996	8,207	-3
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,716	4,324	32
Average per farm .....dollars..	5,283	3,454	53
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	986	1,122	-12
Partnership or corporation .....	96	127	-24
Other .....	1	3	-67
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	377	463	-19
Other .....	706	789	-11
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	984	1,100	-11
Female .....	99	152	-35
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,082	1,248	-13
Black and other races .....	1	4	-75
Average age of operator .....	55.5	54.7	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.